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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

This paper is being submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office dated October 23, 2006, in connection with the patent application identified above. Also submitted herewith is a Request for Continued Examination and applicable fee. Applicants believe that a one month extension-of-time is required for this Amendment and Response to be entered and considered, and have enclosed the appropriate fee. If, however, an additional extension is necessary, please consider this a conditional petition for the proper extension, and a conditional authorization to charge any related extension fees or other fees necessary for entry of this paper to Deposit Account No. 07-1700. Please make the following amendments, without prejudice, and consider the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.